

Hunting Porcupines in Egypt.
I had an adventure one evening, when, just before retiring, I turned, on hearing a noise, and beheld a large, black object rolling towards me. My hair began to rise on end. I took a brave stand and flapped my towel at the intruder, but on it rolled. I was cornered; but when I stamped my foot and "shooed" vigorously, "it" took a stand, too. Then it rolled away and disappeared. My husband returned from his errand, and I, after relating my adventure, mounted a chair in true woman fashion—for my courage had rather oozed out of my feet in that heroic stamp—and left my husband to poke around the room, umbrella in hand, after the unknown and unseen foe, which I described to be about as large as a puppy. Nothing came to light; and "hubbey," after the manner of men, teased me numerically as he rammed around with our best umbrella, while from my perch I insisted that such an object really had attacked me, and that my natural history remembrances were unable to cope with its species.
Finally, much to my triumph, the foe was unearthed from behind the portmanteau, and the erudite hunter, after a prolonged stare of astonishment and a prolonged poke of his weapon, declared it to be a little porcupine! He determined to kill it and bring it home to show his prowess as a hunter in a foreign land; but first he went and displayed it to our hostess as a sample of what was generously thrown in with the room and not included in the board bill. Horrors! It was one of her pets, which, with its two brothers, she, according to Egyptian custom, kept to rid the house of roaches and other pests! Therefore we had to return porcupineless to America.—Demorest's Magazine.

A Novel Expedient.
A resident of Mount Airy, Penn., who has been annoyed by a number of cats congregating and making his life and the lives of others miserable at night by their uncanny solos, has hit upon a plan to get rid of the felines by the use of sticky fly paper. He places the fly paper where he expects the unsuspecting disturber of the peace will be most likely to tread on it, and goes to bed. The animal, if it puts all four feet on the paper, goes no farther, as the paper sticks to it and tangles it up, and it remains in that condition until dispatched with a ball from a rifle in the hands of the enterprising business man.—Washington Star.

The expenses of Queen Victoria's household amounts to more than \$800,000, independent of the salaries of the household.

Where Do Children Learn Lying?
A Chicago kindergarten teacher says that mothers come to her so often, asking how they shall break their children from telling untruths, that she has almost come to think that lying is a National evil. Humiliating as is this conclusion, its truth cannot be gainsaid.
"I am so distressed," said a mother to her boy's teacher, "that Freddie could deceive you so. I can't imagine why he is so untruthful; his father is truly himself, and I am sure no one ever heard me tell a lie. Call him in," she added, turning to her little daughter.
"He won't come if he knows Miss— is here," said the child. "Say it's grandma wants him," suggested her mother; "that will fetch him."
And yet she wondered at her boy's untruthfulness!
"Have you a dog?" asked a tax collector at another home.
"Not a dog of any description," was the prompt reply.
"What about Speck, mamma?" asked the little son, appearing in the doorway with a tiny dog in his arms.
"Cost me two dollars," laughed his father, relating the incident. "Capital joke on his mother, though."
Rather a costly joke, involving the loss of a boy's respect for his mother's veracity, and by reflex influence lowering his own standard of truth.
"You're a half an hour late, Willie," said another mother, "but here's an excuse; give it to the teacher, and she won't say a word." The child, who couldn't read writing, confidently delivered the note; it was an urgent request to have him punished, a mean revenge for some trouble he had given while being bathed and dressed.
If means little lies and petty deceptions on the mother's part are the child's early object lessons, what wonder that he soon outstrips his teacher, and even shocks her by his proficiency in the art.—Donahoe's Magazine.

The Square-Mouthed Rhinoceros.
A specimen of the white or square-mouthed rhinoceros, a practically extinct mammal, shot in Zululand, has just been brought to London, and is now being modeled by Rowland Ward. One of the reasons which have led to the near extinction of this pachyderm is that the natives of Southeast Africa, owing to the exceptional quality of the meat, slaughtered them in large numbers. In Gordon Cumming's time they were common, but in the near future a few stuffed specimens will be all that will be left of this gigantic beast, which is second in size only to the elephant.—New York Mail and Express.

The mignonette is the National flower of Spain.

DRESS AND TRADE.
HANGING FASHIONS AID IN BOOMING BUSINESS.
Novelty and Variety in Women's Wear Keep Many People Busy—Something About Skirts.
If the day ever comes when critics will abandon the silly twaddle about fashion in which they have so long indulged, remonstrates a writer in the New York Ledger, the world will be much the gainer by the change. For a good many years fashion, its frivolity, its senselessness, its absurdity and its uselessness, has been the subject of screeds without number, each critic apparently trying to hold it up to keener ridicule than his predecessor. As a matter of fact, on fashion and its changes rest the foundations of commercial prosperity. If the old were as pleasing as the new, many of the factories would go out of business, the importers would never go to the trouble and expense of importing goods for which there was no imperative demand, and, one by one, industries that employ thousands upon thousands of persons would languish and die. If a five-year-old dress was as pleasing as a new one,

are all fine shoes, and retail at from \$3 to \$4 per pair.—Shoe and Leather Reporter.

GINGHAMS.
Silk and linen gingham seem to improve in quality and finish every year. They are much liked for the cool and comfortable dresses in which every woman delights. They are made up in somewhat elaborate styles, and as some of the darker colors rarely need washing, they are trimmed with ribbons, lace, satin and embroidery. One model in pink and white has a trimming of crimped ruffles of embroidered chiffon, with an abundance of ribbons. These gingham are in stripes or spots, and some of them have tiny sprigs and flowers. They have some very desirable qualities. They are extremely soft, and do not crush and get badly creased, as do almost all fabrics containing linen. Unless linens are very thick and firm, they get stringy after a short time of wearing.

CONCERNING COIFFURES.
How to wear the hair becomingly and yet be in the fashion ought rather to be the question than following fashion's dictates exclusively.
Blond hair is naturally more fluffy than dark, therefore do not curl or friz too much. Dark hair will al-



NEW STYLES OF DRESSING THE HAIR.
Women would not take the trouble and worry that they now do to provide fresh costumes for all seasons; but this thing which we call fashion demands novelty and variety, and to meet its requirements manufacturers and trade are ever kept active.
Within reasonable limits, therefore, fashion, as we now use the term, means business prosperity and gainful occupations to the many. It would be a good idea to elevate the literature of fashion to its proper plane and do away with much of the silliness and frill that characterize it.
The styles for spring are already shown, and it is safe to say that the models presented will furnish types for warm weather wear. The changes in dresses are not very marked; the plain skirt with the usual shape is an accepted standard. Skirts are as long as has been said before, they are quite as well liked, because even though they are somewhat shorter, they are bound to cut off at the edges unless they are slightly raised.
It is a curious fact that many of the very best dressed women insist on these long skirts, but always raise them a little when on the street. This has hygienic points and daintiness to commend it. Dragged skirts do not become a gawky woman, and it is impossible to walk for any distance without soiling the binding if the skirt is allowed to swing.
A new street dress is made with the usual flaring skirt, without trimming, except a graduated band of velvet at either side of the belt. This velvet is dotted with rosettes of satin ribbon. A velvet belt with satin rosettes, revers of velvet, with rosettes at the shoulders and velvet and satin rosettes at the elbows where the sleeves droop over, form the finish. The vest is of shirred silk, matching the dress in color.
Among the new ideas in the making of skirts are trimmings of narrow-sided plaiting, such as were in great demand ten or twelve years ago. The fabric is hemmed and closely pressed, and a single row of plaiting, with a heading of narrow gimp or ribbon plaiting, will be a popular fashion for dresses for all occasions.
An attractive skirt has a very narrow side-plaited ruffle, headed with a flat galloon stitched down very closely. Above this is a little ruffle made of strips of silk about two inches wide. This is gathered or box-plaited in the middle, and is set on in scallops about half the size of a coffee saucer. At each point there is a rosette of passementerie, with a tasseled band of fringes of silk and beads. This is dressy, and makes a simple and inexpensive finish for afternoon dresses.
While there is a good deal of talk about skirts that measure eight or nine yards around, it is scarcely necessary to say that it is only occasionally that one sees them. They are monstrosities, designed only to use up material and furnish work at some future time when one is obliged to rip them to pieces, after trying in vain to get some comfort out of such a mass of material.

WOMEN'S SHOES.
The coming shoes for women are handsomer than ever. There are three beautiful designs: The first, a superb Oxford tie, dongola foxed, and patent-leather tipped. It has a heel foxing curved from the vamp seam back to the top of the shoe. The top is of handsome drab cloth and the lace stays are ornate. The latter, as well as the heel foxing, is scalloped at the edges. It has a slender, pointed toe and medium heel.
The second is a high cut, with a checked cloth top and thirty-two eyelets with silk laces. This is foxed with bright dongola in blucherette shape, and has a deep, pointed tip of patent leather. It is slender-toed, but slightly square at the tip.
The third is a nullifier congress, imitation button variety. This is also of bright dongola, with three large buttons at the points of the broad top flap. The tip extends up to the vamp seam and from this point an elaborate patent leather front stay extends clear to the ear of the top. They

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Novel Advertising Scheme.
A novel scheme of advertising is accomplished by means of the tri-cyclette. A French inventor is using the machine for printing various trade statements on the pavements of Paris. This feat is accomplished by means of immense types set into the tire of the hind wheels of the machine. Ink is used in the printing and the type is made of rubber. Each rubber type is independently inserted in the wheel so that it can be removed and other type inserted. Thus the machine can be made to print any sentence whose length is not longer than the circumference of the wheel.
A reservoir, or fountain of ink is situated back of the seat and flows to rollers, which bear on the top of the wheels. Then as the latter roll around the ink is conveyed to the pavement and the impression of the letters is left there. While the streets of Paris are traditionally clean, yet there is always enough dust which would be caught up by the ink-faced type, a condition which would result very soon in the clogging of the machine.
To prevent this the hind wheel, or bellows, is placed in front of each wheel, and as the machine moves it ejects wind enough to blow away all dust immediately in line with the wheel. The machine was shown at a recent exhibition of bicycles in Paris.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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And so 'twas not singular that
This good deacon, solemn and fat,
Found a dollar or more
When collection was over
Sticking up in the crown of his hat.
The trouble with the deacons of his church, the minister said, was not that they had fly-paper in their hats, but that they had it in their pockets. As he couldn't live on nothing a year he resigned.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Where Rubies Are Plentiful.
The ruby district of upper Burma is about twenty-six miles long and twelve broad, and lies at an elevation of from 4000 to 5000 feet above the level of the sea. The present area being worked for the gems is about forty-five square miles.—Chicago Times-Herald.

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Telegraphic Mistakes.
The telegraph has indulged in many witticisms at the expense of the members of both Houses of Parliament. It has transferred a classical allusion to "Cato and Brutus" into "Cats and Brutes"; the celebrated phrase used by the late Mr. W. E. Forster in a speech on his Irish policy, "manuavi anjts and village ruffians" into "wandering savages and village ruffians"; "tried in the balance and found wanting" into "tried in the balance and found panting"; "the cow was cut into halves" into "the cow was cut into calves"; and "the militia is a great constitutional force" into "the militia is a great constitutional farce."—Macmillan's Magazine.

Radway's Ready Relief
Always in the house. Its use will prove beneficial in all cases of pain or sickness. There is nothing in the world that will stop pain or arrest the progress of disease as quick as this Ready Relief.

STOPS PAIN
50 cts. a bottle. Sold by druggists.
RADWAY & CO., New York.

PAY FOR PLEASANT WORK easily secured through an early application (see Local Agency) to sell the DAVIS CREAM SEPARATORS to Farmers and Dairymen. One style was shown in last number of this Journal. Another will soon be pictured out. Meanwhile, write for handsome Blue Book Free. DAVIS & RANKIN BROS., 401 W. 11th St., Chicago.

WALTER BAKER & CO.
The Largest Manufacturers of PURE, HIGH GRADE COCOAS AND CHOCOLATES
On this Continent, have received HIGHEST AWARDS from the great Industrial and Food EXPOSITIONS in Europe and America.

are all fine shoes, and retail at from \$3 to \$4 per pair.—Shoe and Leather Reporter.

Novel Advertising Scheme.
A novel scheme of advertising is accomplished by means of the tri-cyclette. A French inventor is using the machine for printing various trade statements on the pavements of Paris. This feat is accomplished by means of immense types set into the tire of the hind wheels of the machine. Ink is used in the printing and the type is made of rubber. Each rubber type is independently inserted in the wheel so that it can be removed and other type inserted. Thus the machine can be made to print any sentence whose length is not longer than the circumference of the wheel.
A reservoir, or fountain of ink is situated back of the seat and flows to rollers, which bear on the top of the wheels. Then as the latter roll around the ink is conveyed to the pavement and the impression of the letters is left there. While the streets of Paris are traditionally clean, yet there is always enough dust which would be caught up by the ink-faced type, a condition which would result very soon in the clogging of the machine.
To prevent this the hind wheel, or bellows, is placed in front of each wheel, and as the machine moves it ejects wind enough to blow away all dust immediately in line with the wheel. The machine was shown at a recent exhibition of bicycles in Paris.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Novel-Writing Under Difficulties.
Cesare Cantie, who died at Milan, Italy, recently, ninety-two years old, was the author of a colossal "Universal History," and of a novel, well known and still popular in Italy, whose title is "Margherita Pastaria." This story he wrote when in prison for a political offense in 1833-4. He wrote it on pieces of torn paper, such as he could procure, with a toothpick and ink made from the snuff of a candle, which he diluted with cesspool water. The work is a monument of indefatigable industry. He was a native of Brivio, in the Province of Como.—New York Times.

Pages Blacked Out.
An article in the English children's magazine, "Little Folks," about the Czar of Russia was entirely "blacked out" by the Russian censor before being delivered to the Russian subscribers of the periodical. The objectionable paragraph is supposed to be one in which the Czar, bidding farewell to the daughters of the Prince of Wales, says: "Good-bye, my dears; you are going back to your happy English home, and I to my Russian prison."—Washington Star.

Alma Tadema spends about four months on one of his more finished pictures.

A WAR ECHO.
EVERY HONORABLE VETERAN DESERVES A PENSION.
And the Lone Limb is not the Only Reason for a Government Reward Either.
(From Journal, Lewiston, Me.)
Samuel R. Jordan has just given the Journal an account of his life, which in view of his extremely hard lot for the past few years will be read with interest.
"I am 49 years old and have always lived in New Portland. I enlisted in the army in 1862 as a private in Company A, 28th Maine Volunteers. My army experience injured my health to some extent, although I worked at blacksmithing some part of the time, when suddenly, several years ago, I was prostrated with what a physician pronounced Loucomotor Ataxia. At first I could get around somewhat, yet the disease progressed quite rapidly until I had hardly any feeling in my legs and feet, they felt like sticks of wood and I grew so much worse that I could not move for three years without help, as my neighbors and friends could testify. I employed several physicians in my vicinity, and elsewhere, and they all told me that medicines would not help me, that they could do nothing to effect a cure, and that in time I should become entirely helpless. I became discouraged. I was a great care to my wife and friends. Shortly after I met an old army comrade, Mr. A. L. Parlin, a resident of Madison, Maine, and he incidentally mentioned how he had tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for a severe case of rheumatism and a spinal and malarial trouble, that he had suffered with consequent of his army life, and was greatly benefited by their use. By his earnest recommendation I was induced to try the pills. After taking them for a time I began to feel better. They went down my legs and a return of strength so I could move them a little. After a few weeks I began to feel a marked improvement in my condition. I soon was enabled to walk around a little with the help of crutches. After taking for some time I can now walk without crutches, my general health is much improved and I have regained my old-time vigor. I can walk about and enjoy life once more, for which I feel very thankful, and this happy result is due to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are not a patent medicine in the sense that name implies. They were first compounded by a prescription used as such in general practice by an eminent physician. So great was their efficacy that it was deemed wise to place them within the reach of all. They are now manufactured by Dr. J. C. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., and are sold in boxes (never in loose form) by the dozen or hundred, and the public are cautioned against numerous imitations sold in this shape at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, and may be had of all druggists or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company.

Portland, Oregon, has just completed a system of water-works at a cost of \$2,000,000.

Dr. Kilmer's SWAMP-ROOT cures all Kidney and Bladder troubles. Pamphlet and Consultation free. Laboratory Binghamton, N. Y.

The Fort goods station, Newcastle-on-Tyne, is now the largest in Great Britain.

The Skill and Knowledge
Essential to the production of the most perfect and popular laxative remedy known have enabled the California Fig Syrup Co. to achieve a great success in the reputation of its remedy Syrup of Figs, as it is conceded to be the universal laxative. For sale by all druggists.

One Package Makes One Quart.
And if you follow the directions you will be relieved of that "tired feeling," Biliousness, Dyspepsia, Constipation, Indigestion or Sick Headache is removed almost as if by magic. It is a combination of herbs, pleasant to the taste, and never fails. At druggists or mailed for 25c. Dr. E. C. Rogers, 201 West 11st St., New York City.

"A Fresh English Complexion."
That healthy pink and white might just as well be the typical American complexion, if people would take reasonable care of their skins. Rashes, pimples, eruptions, and all the troubles, because a stomach in good order produces good blood.

The Grip of Pneumonia may be ward off with Hale's Honey or Horehound and Tar. It softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind cold. 25c. a bottle.